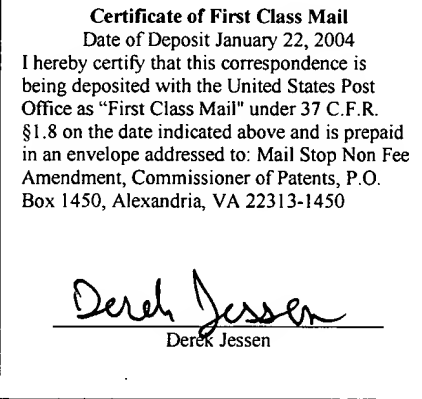




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Examiner: Helen Pratt
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Mail Stop Non Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action dated July 22, 2004 having a six-month statutory period for response set to expire on January 22, 2004. This amendment is being timely filed on January 22, 2004. Applicants are filing this amendment without a petition for an extension of time as it is applicant's position that no petition for an extension of time is necessary because a shortened statutory period was not set on the Office Action Summary PTO-Form 326 of the Office Action of July 22, 2003.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 (c) as per direction.

Applicant submits a marked copy of the changes to the claims.

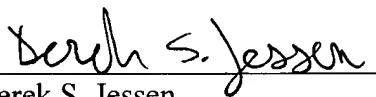
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to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to Paul & Paul Deposit Account No.16-0750.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: January 22, 2004


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